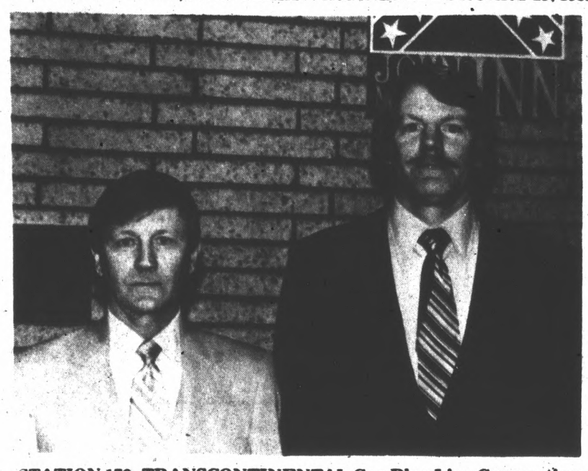

STATION 170, TRANSCONTINENTAL Gas Pipe Line Corporation, celebrated its 30th anniversary on Thursday evening, February 19, with a dinner for employees and their wives and guests at the John Mosby Inn Restaurant. Lloyd Bryant, (left), Transco Employees Club President, gave a brief, but most interesting, history of Transco's thirty years in Appomattox before introducing the speaker for the evening, Grimes "Bo" Boatwright, (right), Personnel Representative for Transco.

Farmers should buy carefully

After the 1980 farming disaster, many Virginia farmers are carefully evaluating their farming needs for this year's crop.

One of the most important decisions they will have to make involves their equipment -- whether to buy, sell or make do with what they have.

"When making this decision, determine how much equipment you actually need and check the annual usage of each piece of equipment," said Easley S. Smith, Extension machinery specialist at Virginia Tech. "This is the best single way to see if you are over-equipped, under-equipped or above average."

Check the hour meter on each tractor and combine. Every machine should be used enough to pay its own way.

Tractors: "You should put at least 500-600 hours per year on each tractor to make its operation economically feasible, noted Smith. "Any additional hours the tractor is used will help to lower the unit cost of operation."

The Tech agricultural engineer said that 1,000-1,500 hours of operation annually is ideal use, but stressed that this is dependent on each farmer's individual cropping system.

Harvesting equipment: This equipment is normally used much less. Combines should be used 250 hours per year. If it can be used an additional 100-150 hours, it is being very efficiently used.

Smith advised that before selling or buying equipment, Virginia farmers get a firm estimate on acreage plans for the next several year. Acreage may increase later. If this is the case, farmers should think hard before parting with one of their primary tractors that is in good condition.

"If producers find they are not fully using their equipment, they may want to consider doing custom work or wo
more acreage," said S
"Either option will inc
efficiency and chance
making a good profit."

Thermometer lore

Ever wonder why the thermometer on your carport reads 27 degrees, the thermometer at the bank says its 32 and the National Weather Service puts the official temperature at 29?

One reason for the difference could be the placement of the thermometers, according to Extension specialists at Virginia Tech.

For an accurate temperature reading outside the house, the best rule of thumb is to protect the thermometer from the sun while giving it plenty of ventilation.

The National Weather Service places its thermometers in "standard weather shelters." These are boxes about head-high with louvered sides to provide ventilation. They are placed away from trees and buildings to avoid shadows and so air movement will not be restricted.

Vehicle registrations decreased in 1980

During 1980, the Division of Motor Vehicles titled 4.6 percent fewer vehicles than in 1979, according to Doanld E. Williams, DMV commissioner.

New vehicle titles issued declined by 17.4 percent, while used vehicle titles transferred declined by less than one-half of 1 percent. "Apparently many people chose to buy used rather than new cars last year for economic reasons," Williams said.

Although total titling figures for the month of December were up 19 percent, compared to December 1979, Williams said it was too early to predict a turn-around in the downward trend.

In December, new vehicle titles issued increased by 2 percent compared to December 1979, and used vehicle titles transferred increased by 23 percent.

Williams noted that used vehicles titled for the first time in Virginia, either by newcomers to Virginia, or by Virginia residents and dealers who purchased vehicles out-of-state, increased slightly during 1980 by two-tenths of a percent, but increased by 27 percent in December compared to December 1979.

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Local film set

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ful, super-cooperative and helpful in things like helping us find horses, wagons -- they've even found us a barn to burn for one of the scenes," Rierson notes.

For his own part, Rierson says he has "always been a history buff," and the events leading up to the surrender at Appomattox are among his historical favorites.

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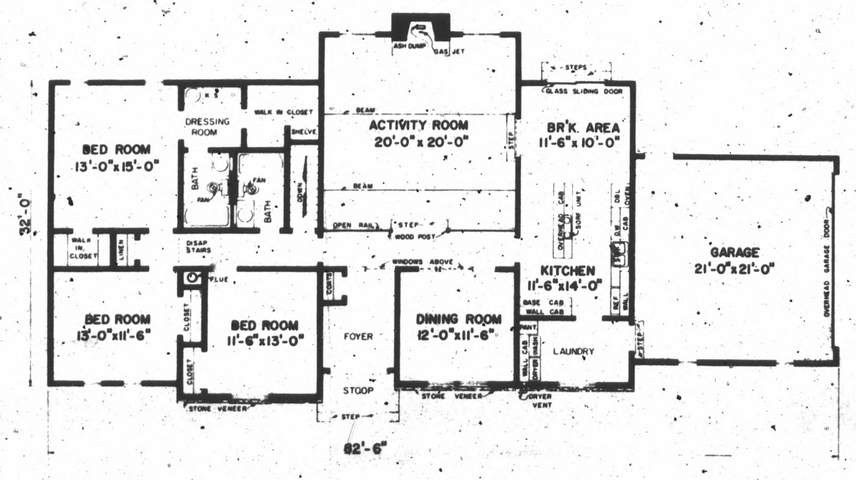

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